

THE  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
ON THE  
**King's Commissions**  
Of the **PEACE**,  
And **Oyer and Terminer**, and **Goal Delivery of Newgate**,  
Held for the **City of London** and **County of Middlesex**,  
at **JUSTICE-HALL** in the  
**OLD BAYLY**,

The 9th. 10th. and 11th. of December, 1685. And in the 1st. Year of His Majesties Reign.

**T**HE Sessions of Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-delivery of Newgate; held at Justice Hall in the Old-Bayly; on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, being the 9th. 10th. and 11th. days of December, 1685. Before the Right Honourable Sir Robert Gifford Kt. Lord Mayor of the City of London, Sir Thomas Jenner Kt. one of His Majesties Serjeants at Law, and Recorder of the aforesaid City, with others of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for London and Middlesex. The Jurors were as follow,

London Jury,	Middlesex Jury,
Richard Alley, Esq;	John Meredale
Richard Williams	Benjamin Folsby
John Cusman	John Bayly
Patrick Barret	Thomas Burns
John Palmer	Richard Bromfield
James Rayner	Samuel Linn
Edward Redish	Edward Hampstead
George Lilburn	Robert Longland
Daniel Faulstich	Samuel Bishop
Peter Floyer	James Fein
Lawrence Cole	William W.heatly
John Cooper.	Thomas Phelps.

The Proceedings were these:  
Charles Bateman, Arraigned upon an Indictment of High Treason, For conspiring the Death of the late King, &c. and the Court not thinking fit to consent to any further delay, put himself upon the Jury, without making any Challenge; and the Kings Council having opened the nature of the Indictment, Mr. Bateman was Sworn, who proved the Plot or Conspiracy in general, how designed, and by what means and methods carried on. After which Mr. Tho. Lee was Sworn, and gave Evidence, that he had been sundry times with Mr. Bateman, and that the first time he went to him by Mr. Goodenough's order, and there they discoursed about carrying on the Trayterous design, which Bateman approved and promised his assistance, and was contented to manage one of the twenty Parts into which the City was to be divided in order to an Insurrection, it being agreed that 500 men should be raised in each part, to seize the Tower, City, Savoy, Whitehall, and the Persons of the late King and his present Majesty; in order to which he promised to use his Interest. Further Mr. Lee deposed, that he went with him to the late D. of Monmouth's House, and there having discoursed with one of the late Dukes Servants, the said Bateman, told him the said Lee that the late Duke was willing to ingage in the Design beforementioned, and kept several Horshes in the Country for that intent, with much more to the same purpose.  
Mr. Goodenough gave Evidence, that the Prisoner did approve the design to seize the Tower, City, &c. and then to force the Guards, and seize the Person of the late King, &c. and that it was at a meeting with him, to the best of his remembrance, at the Kings Head in Smiths Alley near the Royal Exchange.

change. Mr. Bateman Insisted in defence, how improbable it was that he should discourse so with Lee or Goodenough, unless he were a Mad Man; and called several persons to testify for his honesty, and one Baker a Broken person, was upon the request of the Jury against the opinion of the Court, heard after his Trial was over and Lee was gone who testified against Lee, that a little before the Plot was discovered, he would have had him engaged to have talked of State affairs to Bateman and others, and toyn with him, and he would make him a great man. So that after a full and favourable hearing of all he had to offer materially in his own defence, he was found Guilty of the Treason, after the Jury had withdrawn for some time to consider of the same.  
John Bassell was Tried for Killing Daniel Walter on the 12th. of October last, by giving him a Mortal Wound with a Sword near the left Pap, which upon Trial appeared, that the Prisoner having fallen out with his own Wife, upon coming out of his House, met the party deceased, and without any provocation, pushed him, who thereupon demanded if he had a mind to be Boxed, which occasioning other words, the Prisoner went into his House and fetched his Sword, with which he assaulted the Deceased, and after much scuffling, gave him the Wound, of which the next day he Died. The Prisoners plea was, that he stood upon his own Defence, but the first assault being given by himself and the Deceased altogether unarmed, he was found Guilty of wilfull Murder.  
John Chapman of St. Martins in the Fields, was Arraigned and put upon the Jury for Sealing two Coach Seats, valued at 70 s. the Goods of the Right Honourable the Vice-Chancellor Chanol; but no Evidence appearing against him he was Acquitted.  
Richard Wells, was Tried for taking from one Mr. Jones a Receiver in the Excise Office Situate in Broad-street London, 62 Guineas and 46 L. 2 s. 6 d. in Silver, the Evidence against him was Mr. Jones, who deposed, that having told out 200 s. for the Kings use, he laid them upon the Counter in the Office, and the Prisoner being a Coachman, coming in to do a Message from a Woman he had in his Coach, immediately upon his departure the Money mentioned in the Indictment, being in a Bag was missing, and that he conceived no other person had been there at that time; but there being no positive proof, and the Prisoner bringing some persons with whom he had lived to testify his honesty, he was Acquitted.  
Robert Jones and John Walkinton, were Tried upon the Coroners Inquisition, for the Murder of John Smith upon the 17th. it appeared, that on November 2nd. the Prisoners coming along Column Street about 6 in the Evening, joisted the Deceased and some others in his Company, whereupon many unseemly words passed in heat between them, which occasioned the Deceased to fetch a Stick, saying, He would be with them, or words to that purpose, and after some further dispute, a Skirmish happened, and many Blows were struck on either part, when one Mr. Gerrard coming in, seized Walkinton, and held him in his arms till another person took away his Sword; yet Jones and the party Deceased continued to strike at each other, till such time as they closed, and the Prisoner being undermost, found opportunity to draw his Sword, and

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The Deceased the Mortal Wound on his left side, of which the next Morning he Dyed. Jones pleaded he did it in defence of his Life, but it appearing, the Deceased had no Weapon about him, he was found Guilty of Manslaughter, but by reason of his being a Soldier, and being in the Army, he was acquitted.

John Chastant was Tried for killing George Parry on the 14th of October last, in the Parish of St. Sepulchres, it appeared on his Tryal, that that day being the Kings Birth day, divers Youths making Bonfires in several Streets, upon attempting to take away the Wood one Company had given for that purpose, many were knocked down, and amongst others the Deceased, upon a second attack had a Blow upon the hinder part of the Head which broke his Skull. The Evidence against the Prisoner was, that he threatened to have the Blood of some person, and that it was verily believed he was the person that had struck and pursued the Deceased into a House in Con-law, under pretence he had lost his Hat &c. to which he pleaded Innocence, saying he had been much abused himself, which had occasioned his being bloodied, and keeping his Bed, and to the same purpose he produced some Witnesses; but it appearing he was engaged in the Action, and in all probability the person who gave the fatal blow, the Jury brought him in Guilty of Manslaughter.

John Spurgeon, and Joan Spurgeon his Wife, were Tried for killing John Ains, on the 19th of November last: upon the Tryal it appeared that the deceased coming into the Yard of the Prisoner, a quarrel began with words, and afterwards they struck each other divers Blows with their Sticks, and then did the like with their Swords, when Joan Spurgeon coming to the Assistance of her Husband, with whom Ains had grappled, she with the point of Ains his Sword broke his head in divers places, and thereupon with the help of her husband thrust him out of the Yard at what time he being advised by one of the Witnesses to wait him at a pump that stood hard by: upon some provoking words, Spurgeons Wife fell upon him again with a Stick, and her husband coming to her assistance, after many blows ran him into the Left part of the Head, so that the sword pierced the Skull, of which he instantly dyed: The Prisoners pleaded that the Deceased made the first Assault, and that they were both justly Wounded, &c. Whereupon Spurgeon was found Guilty of Manslaughter, and his Wife acquitted.

James Griffiths, was Tried for Stealing a silver Taster, valued at two Shillings, out of the house of David Clark of Westminster, on the 15th of October last: upon whose Tryal it appeared that he & another party coming into the house of the Prosecutor, calling for two Pots of Drink and a Quart of Brandy, took their opportunity to blow out the Candle and run away with the Taster they had with the latter, and the Servant of the house being positive that the Prisoner was one of them, he having been formerly a Neighbours man: notwithstanding he denied being in the house: he was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

Richard Thompson, of the Parish of St. Dunstons Aldgate, was Tried for breaking open the House of one Elizabeth Guckerfield, in the Night time, and taking thence a Table-Cloth, value two Shillings, a Mantle, Apron, six Napkins, and a Sheet, valued at about Twenty Shillings: Upon his Tryal it was proved against him that on the 22th of October last between Seven and Eight in the Evening, he was discovered coming out of the house with a Woman in his company, by a Candle he had in his hand, and that he was in a manner taken upon the place, though his Companion escaped with the Goods; his plea was that he came by accidentally, and that the party who pursued him falling down for lust, he upon his calling to him to stay, was only obliged to, but came back to help him up: but he was found Guilty of the Felony and Burglary, the Evidence being against him as aforesaid.

Timothy Barker, was Tried for stealing 34 Yards of Paragon, valued at 34 Shillings, and 2 Yards and a half of Crimson Damask, from Richard Walling of St. Pauls Church-yard, on the 23rd of October last: Upon whose Tryal it appeared that the Prosecutor had often employed him as a Porter, and intrusted him in his house, whereby he had opportunity to steal the aforesaid Goods, which he sending a Woman to sell at an under rate, they were seized, and the producing him, he confessed it before the Justice, and in the Prison, expressing much sorrow for his offence, and not much denying it in Court, he was found Guilty to the value of 10 s. This being supposed the first Fact he ever committed of that nature.

The Proceedings having been thus far, on Wednesday the London Jury was discharged, and on Thursday, the Jury following were Sworn.

John Wetherly  
George Keppel  
Thomas Sabine  
Richard Jones  
Thomas Stanger  
Thomas Ash  
Robert Brown  
Gulbert Ford

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The Jury Sworn, the Court proceeded to try the Prisoners, &c.

Robert Brooks and Charles Cuckin, were Tried for stealing Ten Gold-Rings from Robert Ruffin of St. Giles's Church-yard, on the 29th of October, against whom it appeared, that the Prosecutor and his Wife being abroad, the Prisoner in company of Three or Four more, came to choose a pair of Buckles, and afterwards to offer a Cornelian Ring to sale; but the Prosecutor's Daughter refusing to sell the one, or buy the other, Brooks held her in discourse till the other stole the Rings; upon positive Proof of which, they were found Guilty of the Felony: They being known to be Notorious Thieves, their plea of innocence availed them nothing.

Isabel Alison and Sarah Howard, were Tried for breaking the House of Edward Dovington, in the Parish of Albion Staining, on the 29th of June last, about Five in the Afternoon; and taking thence Two and Twenty Guineas and Ten Shillings; but the Prosecutors Evidence not agreeing, and it appearing there was a Law-Suit depending upon the Account of Defamation, the Credit of the Prisoners out-weighed it, and in the end, it appeared to be a malicious Prosecution, and therefore were Acquitted.

Daniel Robinson, was Tried for stealing of Pewter, as Salts, Plates, Spoons, and the like, to the value of 40 s. from John Mells, of the Parish of St. Martins Ludgate, on the 13th of November, which he disposed of to divers people: It appeared that the Prosecutor being a Plebeian, employed the Prisoner in the nature of a Labourer, which gave him opportunity to purloine the Goods, some of which being seized where he offered them to sale, and he apprehended, declared the rest; and making little or no defence for himself in the Court, was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

William Bagnall, was Tried for stealing a Bag, valued at a Penny, and 7 s. in Money from the person of Samuel Richard upon the Royal Exchange in Cornhill, upon Tryal it appeared, that the Prosecutor on the 19. of November last, received the aforesaid Sum, and soon after lost it out of his Pocket; when applying himself to one of Major Richardss Men, he brought him to the place where the Prisoner was; and finding him drunk, they searched him, and found the Bag with most part of the Money in it about him; he pleaded he found it, but it being very improbable, he was found Guilty of the Robbery.

Eleonor Bettany and Mary Leister, were indicted for break into the House of William Harding of St. Sepulchres, on the 1. of November last, about Five in the Morning, and taking thence Eleven Pewter Dishes, Four Plates, &c. to the value of 30 s. the proof was, that they proposed them to sale, but it appearing they were employed to sell the same by an unknown person, they were Acquitted.

Sarah Walton, was Tried for Robbing Charles Gun, on the 3 d. of December, in the Parish of St. Bridgets alias Brides, of 3 s. upon her Tryal, it appeared the accosted him in a very unfriendly manner, and pick'd his Pocket, and being taken to the fact was charged with a Constable, upon which, though she denied it in Court, and pretended the Prosecutor offered violence towards her, she was brought in Guilty to the value of 10 s.

Giles Hancock, was Tried for stealing a Wooden Box and 4 Shillings in money, from Richard Osman of St. Giles's Church-yard, on the 12 d. of November last; against whom it appeared that the Prisoner with two others in his Company, snatched it out of the shop of the Prosecutor over a Grate, and made away with it as fast as they could, but the Prosecutor following them, found them sharing the money in the street, and had only the luck to take Hancock, the other two escaping with part of the money, and the Box: As to a Ninety of that money he was positive, and the Prisoner found to be a pilferer, was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

Joan Martin, was Tried for stealing two Cloth Coats, valued at 10 s. And a pair of Breeches valued at 5 s. from Richard Townsend of St. Brides, on the 20th. of October: Upon her Tryal it appeared that she being entertained as a Lodger in the house of the Prosecutor, under pretence of helping his Wife to make a Bed, found an opportunity to steal the things mentioned, and before the Week (she had paid for) was expired, abscond her self, but being apprehended about three Weeks after, and at that time endeavouring to conceal her self by pulling her Hood over her eyes: She was found Guilty, yet only to the value of 10 s.

Thomas Meek, was Tried for marrying a second Wife, his former Wife being alive: Upon his Tryal it appeared he had married one Ann Mears Spinster, Anno 1672. At St. James Dukes place, and in 1684. one Mary Godfrey at the Chappel in Rensley Town, as for the first marriage he owned it, and he being proved by his cohabiting, and the corroborating Evidence of the Clerk of St. Pauls; he was found Guilty of Felony.

Edward Hild, Edward Smith, and Edward Carter, being indicted



Robing one *Princess Palmer* of a Diamond Ring, valued 8 l. 2 s. two pieces of Broad Gold, four Five Shilling Pieces of Gold, a Guinea, two Silver Boxes, three pair of Silver Claws, two Ivory Boxes, and 5 l. 3 s. in Money, in the Parish of St. Dunstons in the West, on the 6th of November last, the former upon his Arraignment Confessed the Indictment, but it not appearing upon Tryal, that the other two were concerned therein, they were Acquitted.

*William Treuman* was Tried as accessory to *Edward Hyde*, after the Felony Committed, and upon Tryal it appearing, part of the Goods were found in his House, and that he had offered to restore the rest, had there been no noise made about them; as likewise, that his House was a receptacle of such idle Fellows, he was found Guilty, as accessory.

*Elizabeth Miller*, indicted for Stealing a Puller, value 8 s. from *John Hag's* of St. James Church-yard, on the 12th of July last, and no Evidence appearing against her, she was acquitted.

*John Fox*, was tried for Stealing a Silver Tankard, value 10 l. on the 20th of May last, out of *Granges Hall*, in the Mayoralty of the Right Worshipful Sir James Smith, the Proof against him was, that the Butler, missing the Tankard, a Warrant was issued out to apprehend divers suspicious Persons, when the Constable into whose hands it was delivered; going into *Berry-street*, upon search of a House, where such suspected persons were observed to Lodge, after some opposition he entered the Chamber where the Prisoner was in Bed, and obliged him to rise, and upon further search in a Closet he found the Tankard under the frame of a Chair wrapped up in a Bag and a Stocking, which Bag and Stocking, the Prisoner owned to be his; but the Tankard being produced, decayed in, as he likewise did in Court, yet he appearing to be an old offender, was found Guilty of the Felony.

*Grace Lloyd*, was Tried for Stealing 149 Knives of Glaziers Lead, to the value of 1 s. against her, it appeared, that she living with one *Daniel Ireland*, of the Parish of St. Clements Daves, had disposed of some parcels of Window Lead, and particularly one piece on the 25th of November last, upon the sale of which her Master came to find it out, nor did she deny it, but affirmed it was done by the order of her Mistress, and appearing in Court, that she had disposed of that Kind of Goods by the order of her Mistress, without, and consequently it being to Fe only the Jury Acquitted her.

*Alice Baxter*, of the Parish of St. Leonards Shoreditch, was Tried for Stealing on the 16th of October last, a Silver Cup, valued at 6 s. from *Henry Grimes* in Court it was proved against her, that the Wife of the Prosecutor had taken her in out of Charity, and cloathing her, lent her Money to buy Cakes, and to sell them about the streets, but making bad terms of that kindness, she found opportunity to steal the Plate, and abscond her self; but some time after being apprehended, and carried before the Justice she confessed the Fact, and that she had told the Cup in *Lambard-street*, but would not tell where, and not being able to deny it in Court, she was found Guilty; but it appearing to be her first Fact, the Jury compassionated her by a Mitigation of the value, finding her Guilty, within the penalty of *Petty-larceny*.

*High Jones*, was Tried for Stealing 3 *Penny* Quart Pans, on the 12th of November last, from *Elizabeth Standish*, of the parish of St. Andrews Holborn: upon his Tryal it appeared, that he coming into the House of the Prosecutor, and calling for drink, watched his time to take the Pans that stood upon a side Dresser in the Room where he was drinking, and that he was discovered e'er he could make his escape, one of them being found in his Breeches, and another as he had stowed them; to this he pleaded that he had left a thing in pawn for Drink, and came to redeem his Pledge, nor with any intent to steal, nor would he confess he had the Goods laid to his charge, but the matter being plain, he was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

*Robert Taylor*, Tried for Stealing a pair and two odd Shoes, from *Andrew Blagden* of the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, on the 2d. of October last. The proof was that the Prosecutor having lost divers Shoes out of his shop, upon notice the Prisoner had gotten some odd ones, he went to see them, and there-upon convinced them to be part of those that were lost, and charged them upon the Prisoner, who alleged he found them upon the pavement in *Leicester-fields*, and that he did not expose them to sale, but brought one of them to a Shoe-maker to make a shober to it, but giving no account of himself as to his life and conversation; he was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

*Charles Bateson*, presented his humble Petition to the Court, that his Wife and Children might come to him, and be allowed the use of Pen Ink and Paper, which request was granted, and that it should be done in the presence of a Keeper &c.

*Leonard Bate*, a Breuchman, having an Indictment found against him for Ravishing *Dorothy England* of St. Giles's in the Fields, on the 14th of November last, a party Jury was Sworn, half Natives, and half Aliens, whose Names were;

*John Meridale*,  
*Peter Morisco*,  
*Benjamin Folby*,  
*Nicholas Romanu*,  
*John Baily*,  
*Charles Laffoon*,

*Thomas Barns*,  
*Giles Legg*,  
*Richard Bromfield*,  
*James Monau*,  
*Samuel Lann*,  
*Lewis Le-conon*,

Upon this Jury, having pleaded not Guilty to the Indictment, he put himself upon Tryal: The Witnesses, *Dorothy England*, gave Evidence that the Prisoner being a Lodger in her Mistresses house, had before the grand assault and violence, (for which he stood Indicted) used her very roughly, and attempted to force her, but was prevented, and of that she complained to her Mistress, the Prisoner promised to be civil for the future, but on the 4th of November, her Mistress, &c. Being to go abroad, she told her, she would not stay in the house with the Prisoner, whereupon he, seemingly, as if he intended to go abroad likewise, but taking his opportunity, came upon her as she was making the Bed, and lock'd her in, where after much struggling, by which she was bruised, he over powered and penetrated her body, &c. Two Midwives were likewise sworn, who affirmed she had lost her Virginity, and as to her bad usage, which occasioned a long sickness or indisposition, by reason of the many bruises, her Mistress gave Testimony, to balance which, the Prisoner pleaded by his Interpreter, that he never committed that violence, and that it was a design to get money, and that she had not discovered it in almost a fortnight, which objection being answered and further testimony of his rudeness in that house appearing, the Charge was given, the Jury withdrawing, returned within half an hour, and gave in their Verdict that he was Guilty of that Felony as layed in the Indictment.

*John Harris*, Arraigned upon an Indictment of High Treason, for that he on the Fifteenth of June last, in St. Martins *Hammer Lane*, and that divers other times and places, did Conspire with *James Spot* and others, promising to be Aiding and Assisting, in raising men to assist in the late Rebellion, &c. He pleaded not Guilty to the Indictment, and afterwards put himself upon the Jury for his Tryal, but no Evidence appearing against him he was Acquitted.

*Richard Osburn*, was Tried for Stealing a Silver Tankard valued at 5 l. 8 s. from *William Stratton* of the Parish of St. Sepulchres on the 26th of August last, who being Apprehended, confessed he Sold it to one Mr. Dry a Lottery man for four pounds fifteen shillings, fifteen shillings of which Money he played away; but in Court he endeavoured to evade his Confession, saying if he had the Tankard, he Lent Money, &c. and not being able to make that appear, he proceeded to alledge, that the Tankard was not found in his possession, but those frivolous Excuses being rendered invalid by positive Evidence, he was found Guilty of the Felony.

*Thomas Wheatly*, Being Indicted for Stealing a Tankard value three pounds from a Gentleman, in the Parish of St. Mary Wall-lane, on the 7th of December last; upon his Arraignment pleaded Guilty to that and all other Indictments within the Bench of his Clergy.

*Elizabeth Herd alias Ricket*, was Tried for uttering divers Irreverent, Scandalous and Seditious Words against His most Sacred Majesty, on the 17th of November last, as also reflecting on the Established Government, &c. (not being in this Paper to be inserted) which words being proved against her, and she appearing to be a common prostitute, her denial weighed not with the Jury, who brought her in Guilty of the Treasons.

*Mary Jeffers*, was Tried as the former, for uttering Irreverent, Scandalous and Seditious words against His most Sacred Majesty; upon her Tryal it appeared, she was committed by the Steward of *Westminster* for Picking a Pocket of 3 s. 5 d. to *Newgate*, when being in the Cells, with some other company she spoke the Words, which being proved against her by two Witnesses, and the making her defence for her self, the Jury found her Guilty of the Treasons.

*Mary Carter*, was Indicted for Stealing 3 Diamond Rings value 25 l. and a Gold Watch on the 4th of November from *Mary Meggs* in the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, but no Evidence appearing against her, she was Acquitted.

*Ann Redman* was Tried for Stealing a Cabinet, a Set of Knives, and a pair of Bartons, from *Mary Diddle* of the Parish of St. Botolph without Aldgate, on the 12th of June last; but it appearing to be her own Cabinet which the Prosecutor said she had given her by the Prisoner, and that she was not Conscious any thing was put into it, it being then Locked, she took to as her proper Goods where she found it; the Court looking upon it as a malicious prosecution, she was Acquitted.

*Alice Garret*, was Tried for Stealing about 30 Pieces of Colined Gold, from *John Gardner* of St. Martins in the Fields, on the 8th of October; it appeared upon Tryal, that she being a Lodger in the House, had opportunity to go to the Tunk where the Money was, and that she was not surprized, attempting

to open it, as the Prosecutor conjectured, and the Robbery being charged upon her, she after much shifting, and many evasions confessed she had a Key she supposed would open the Trunk, and being no ways able to give any good account of herself, was found Guilty.

Roger Harrington, was Tried for taking 3 Rings from Thomas Lush, of St. Martins, in the Fields on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, value 30 s. upon his Tryal it appeared that the Prisoner searching the house of the Prosecutor for stolen Goods, and suspecting those Rings to be stolen, took them from off his Finger and afterwards produced them to the Justice: whereupon it not appearing to be a Robbery, he was Acquitted.

Andrew Stapely and Daniel Taylor, were Indicted for stealing two Hogs, in the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, value 3 l. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October last, from James Page: the former of them pleaded Guilty upon his Arraignment, to that and all other Felonies within the benefit of his Clergy: but the latter pleading not Guilty, upon his Tryal it appeared that he had told them to one Blisset of Ilfington; to which he pleaded that Stapely was his Master and employed him to sell them; but that not being made out, he was found Guilty, though favoured with the penalty of Petty-Larceny only.

William Savory of St. Pauls Shadwell, was Tried for entering the house of William Hasleburg, on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December Instant, and taking thence 2 pair of Linen Drawers and a Woolen Waistcoat; but he pleading he found the Goods in the Street, and no proof appearing of breaking the house, but that he rather took them off a Line in the Gallery or Balcony; he was found Guilty to the value of 10 s.

George Smith was Tried for Stealing a Silver Tankard, value 3 l. from Jane Philips of the Parish of St. Andrews Holborn on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November; upon his Tryal it appeared that the Prosecutor being a Servant, was sent out for Drink in the said Tankard, and calling with it at a Tallow-Chandlers Shop, whilst she was buying Candles, the Tankard was taken from the Counter by a little Boy whom the Prisoner had set on work, and that they made their Escape; to this he pleaded ignorance, but the Evidence being positive as to his being there, and giving the Boy Money, as it was supposed, for his better encouragement, he was found Guilty of the Felony.

William Hart, being Arraigned for Stealing four Cocks, and four Pullets, valued at 14 s. from Thomas Wilkinson on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, pleaded Guilty to the Felony.

James Burgess, was Tried for breaking open the Stable of Richard Tolson, in the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November last, and taking thence a Buff Coat lined with Gold and Silver, a Scarlet Cloak, a Carbine Belt, a pair of Pistols, and a Silver Fringe: On his Tryal it appeared he had confessed the Fact, and directed them to the Pied Bull in Castle-yard, where part of the Goods were found; yet in Court he alledged, he bought them of a Man in the Street, but not being capable of proving it, he was found Guilty of the Felony, and not of the Burglary: there being no proof that the Doors said to be broke open were Locked.

John Brampton, found Guilty of Manlaughter in January last, for killing Annals Priory Wifeman, pleaded this Sessions his Majesties Pardon on his Knees, and gave the Court Papers of Gloves as it usual in such cases.

Charles Miller and Elizabeth Peor, were Tried for stealing 7 Yards of Silk Fringe, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June last, from the house of Elizabeth Kachin at Billingsgate, valued 2 l. It appeared that the Prisoner coming into the house about two in the Morning, pretending they came off the Water, refusing to be below, were shewn up stairs, where they continued till Two in the Afternoon, and were no longer gone but the Fringe that accompanied the Valance of the Bed were missing; but the Prisoner producing testimony of their honest Behaviour, and no positive proofs against them, they were Acquitted.

Judith Giles, of the Parish of St. Botolph Aldgate, was Tried for Stealing a Serge Riding-Hood, value 4 s. from George Dance on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December Instant, it appeared that the Prosecutor coming into a Goldsmiths Shop with others, to buy a Wedding Ring, and the Prisoner being there at the same time, his Wife laid the Hood upon the Counter, which after the Prisoners going away was missing, but it neither being found upon her, though she was immediately apprehended, nor appearing she took it, the Jury Acquitted her.

Dorothy Gureing was Tried for taking privily from the person of Henry Mitchell, a Bag and 15 l. in Money in the Parish of St. Dunstons in the West on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, upon Tryal it appeared that the Prosecutor being picked up by two prostitutes, was carried to one Morgans in White-Fryers, where they played upon him so long, that making him Drunk, they picked his pocket and slipped away, one of which he charged the Prisoner to be; but she denying it, and himself confessing he was in Drink, and it being proved that he was not positive wherein when he was with her before the Justice, she was acquitted.

Zachariah Smith was Tried for taking a Sword and a Hat from the person of Hadis Leggett in the Parish of St. Dunstons in the West on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October last, value 30 s. It appeared, that upon some words a scuffle happened in the Court in Fleet-street between the prosecutor, the prisoner, and divers others, in which the Hat and Sword were lost, but if not appearing the Prisoner had either of them, he was Acquitted.

Francis Rawlinson and Elizabeth Kachin, were Indicted for entering the House of Edward Benington on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September last, with an intent to Steal, to which upon their Arraignment pleading not Guilty, and no Evidence appearing to the Jury charged with them, they were Acquitted.

An Indictment being preferred against William Davis, John Holland, Edward Hays, and William Pyle, for Conspiracy, Violence and falsely imprisoning William Chesley Mercer in St. Laurence Lane London, and only the two former being found in the Goal of Newgate, viz. Davis and Holland, they were Arraigned and Tried; upon whose Tryal it appeared, that on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, Hays and Holland sent for him to the Kings Arms Tavern in the Lane before mentioned, where Hays in a seeming conversation, informed him that he had repeated some Treasonable Words that he had heard him speak, and being accused for them was forced to discover his Author, which was himself: whereupon Holland entering the Room, Arrested and Harried him away to the Crown without Temple-Bar, from thence to the Prison in the Scovry, where Hays pressed him seeing the matter might be hushed up, to pacify Holland, (who pretended himself a Captain of the Kings Guard) with money, but he refusing, they hurried him away to White-Hall, pretendingly to the Secretary of State, and after many injuries of Hays and threats of Holland, brought him back to the Fountain, where meeting with Davis and Pyle, who pretended himself a Barrister, they called up a Scrivener about Midnight, and extorted a Bond and judgment from him, the Penalty 400 l. to pay 200 l. Which were likewise signed by Hays; but the Cheat being discovered upon Hollands sending for 20 l. and some Silks, the Prisoners were Apprehended; and upon this proof (though more at large) found Guilty.

William Davis, and John Holland, were a second time Indicted together with Agnes Wearing, for a Burglary and Robbery Committed in the House of Leonard Gasford in Lime Street, London, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, stealing Rings, plate, and Money, to the value of 300 l. which upon Tryal, appeared that two persons about Seven in the Afternoon, coming to Mr. Gasfords House, who being let in by Wearing, who was a Servant in the House, and pretending a Letter to Mrs. Gasford, and she scrupling to admit them, one of them who appeared to be Davis, run up stairs and seizing her with violence, ty'd her Coat over her head, and then calling his Companion by the name of Jack: they rifled the House, and having seized the Maid and Mistress carried them into the Cellar, and there bound them, and so departed with many threats if they stir'd; but soon after, the goods being published in the Gazette: The Thieves were discover'd by the means of a Diamond Ring, which Davis had given to one Mrs. Walton, and a Wedding Ring he had on his Finger with the pofie mentioned in the Gazette, by one Margaret Harris, a Servant to Mrs. Walton, as also by one Mr. Manlin, whom Agnes Wearing taking in the dark for Davis unawares asked him if the plate was secure if they had shared the plate and Money, and if Holland was safe, demanding how he durst appear, desired him to be gone, lest he ruin both himself and her, so that by this and many other material matters: it appearing that Davis and Holland were the two men that committed the Robbery, and Agnes Wearing their Confederate, they were all three found Guilty.

These being the Summ of the Tryals &c. The Court proceeded to Sentence.

Buried in the Hand Ten, viz.

Robert Jones, John Claxton, Charles Cuckley, Thomas Meers, Edward Hide, John Peor, Thomas Wheatley, John Spurgeon, William Hart, and John Morgan.

Ordered to be Transported Four, upon their desiring the same viz. Robert Brooks, Richard Osburn, Andrew Stapely, and George Smith.

Received Sentence of Death Nine, viz.

Charles Bateman, for High Treason, William Hainsworth, William Davis, John Holland, Agnes Wearing, John Bawell, Zachariah Thompson, Leonard Bate, and Alice Garrett; the latter pleading her Belly, proved to be with Child.

Sentenced to be Whipp'd, as Penitents, Eleven, viz. Sarah Wilson, who was ordered to be Whipp'd from Ludgate to Charing-Cross on Wednesday next, Daniel Robinson, Giles Hancock, Joan Martin, James Griffin, Hugh Jones, Robert Taylor, Timothy Scarbrough, Daniel Taylor, Ann Baxter, and William Savory.

For speaking Scandalous Words, &c.

Mary Jeffers Fined to s. and to Ray in Bridewell till the next Session, Elizabeth Herd Fined 10 s. and to be Whipp'd upon Wednesday next.

The Proceedings having been thus far, The Court Adjourned till the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant.

GOD SAVE THE KING.